

MONTHLY REPORT

August 2024

Monthly updates on relevant indices, asset classes, currencies and commodities as well as updated performance figures across our Fairtree investment offerings. This includes global summaries of the economic climate, political temperatures and headline news.



CURRENCY

Index Activity

August 2024

LOCAL

JSE All Share Local Equity Market

SWIX Local Equity Market - Capped

SAPY Property

ALBI Bonds

STEFI Cash

GLOBAL

MSCI World (ZAR) Equity Market
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Shangai (ZAR) China Index

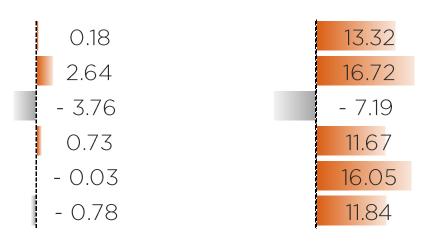
FTSE 100 (ZAR) Top 100 on London Stock Exchange

SP 500 (ZAR) Top 500 US Companies

MSCI (EM - ZAR) BRICS Countries









Asset Class Returns

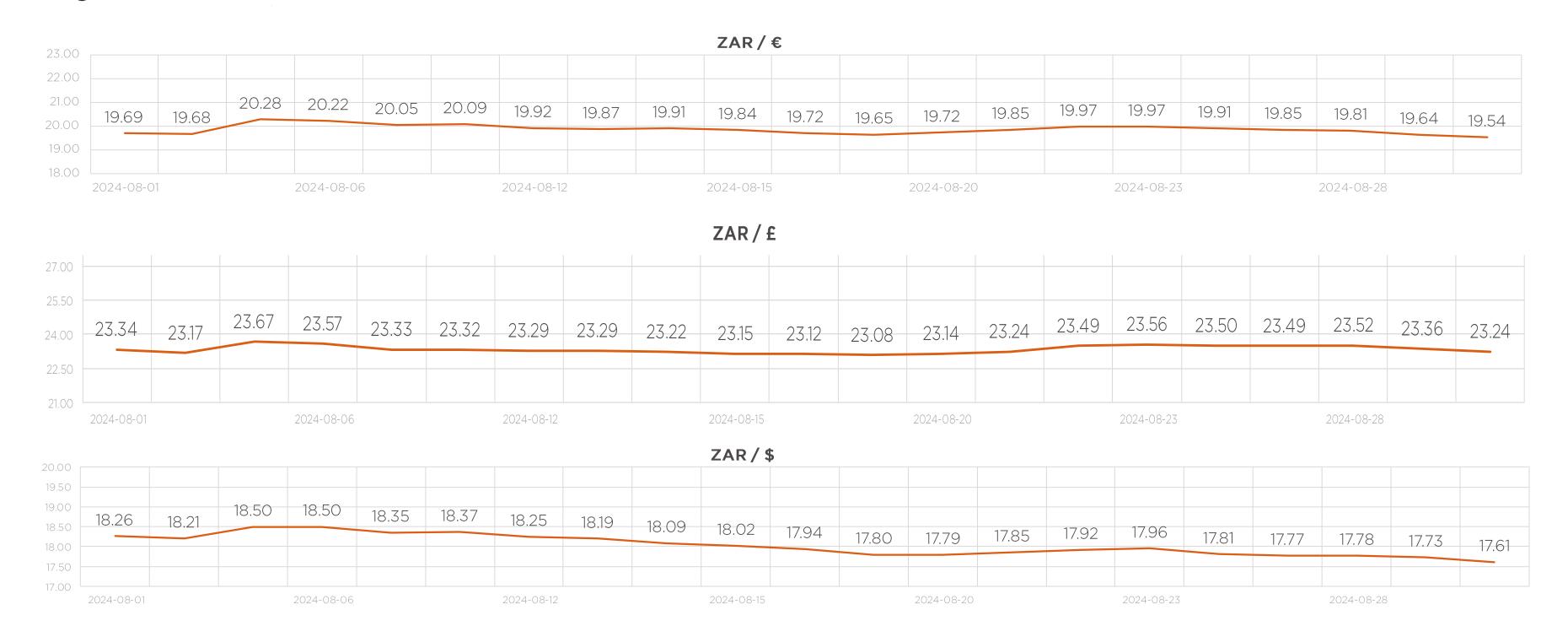
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| | 1 MONTH | | 3 MONTH | | YTD | | 1 YEAR | | 3 YEARS | | 5 YEARS | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Д П У | Financial | 5.66 | Financial | 27.22 | Property | 23.91 | Property | 38.16 | Financial | 19.01 | Resources | 10.81 |
| ^ | Property | 8.37 | Equities | 9.65 | Financial | 20.86 | Financial | 30.48 | Property | 13.33 | Equities | 12.81 |
| | Bonds | 2.38 | Bonds | 12.00 | Industrial | 12.40 | Bonds | 18.60 | Equities | 12.02 | Industrial | 12.15 |
| | Equities | 1.38 | Property | 20.34 | Equities | 11.41 | Equities | 16.08 | Industrial | 13.28 | Bonds | 9.12 |
| | Industrial | 4.04 | Industrial | 8.15 | Bonds | 12.34 | Cash | 8.53 | Bonds | 8.96 | Financial | 12.00 |
| \ | Cash | 0.67 | Resources | - 8.56 | Cash | 5.60 | Industrial | 14.10 | Cash | 6.74 | Cash | 6.09 |
| | Resources | - 10.14 | Cash | 2.05 | Resources | - 3.35 | Resources | 0.75 | Resources | 0.69 | Property | 4.30 |

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Currency Comparisons

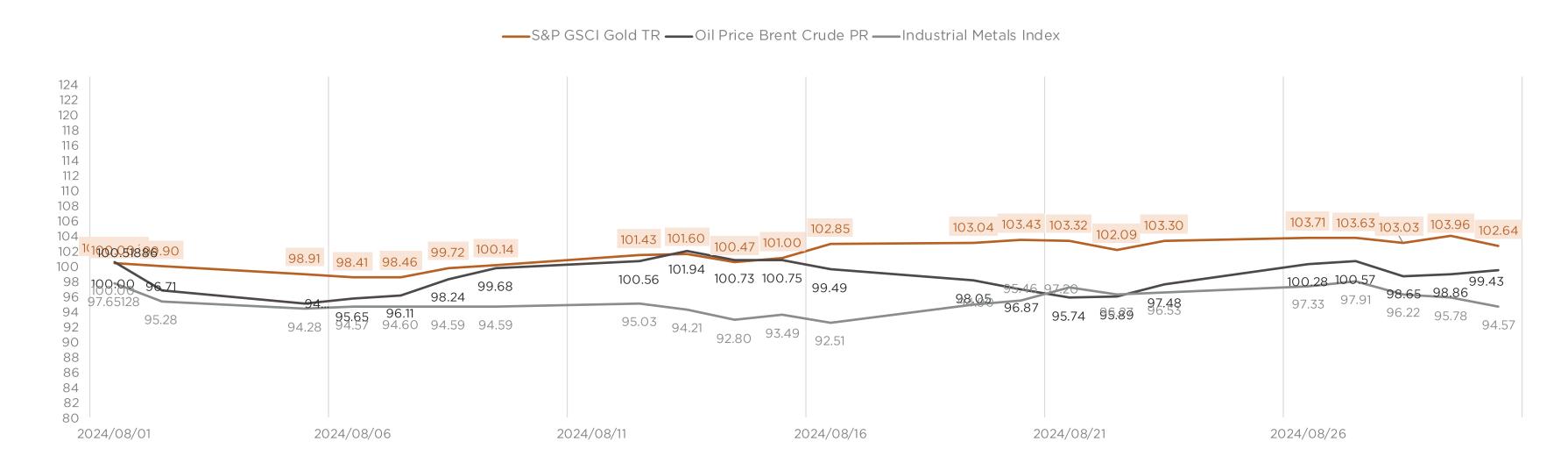
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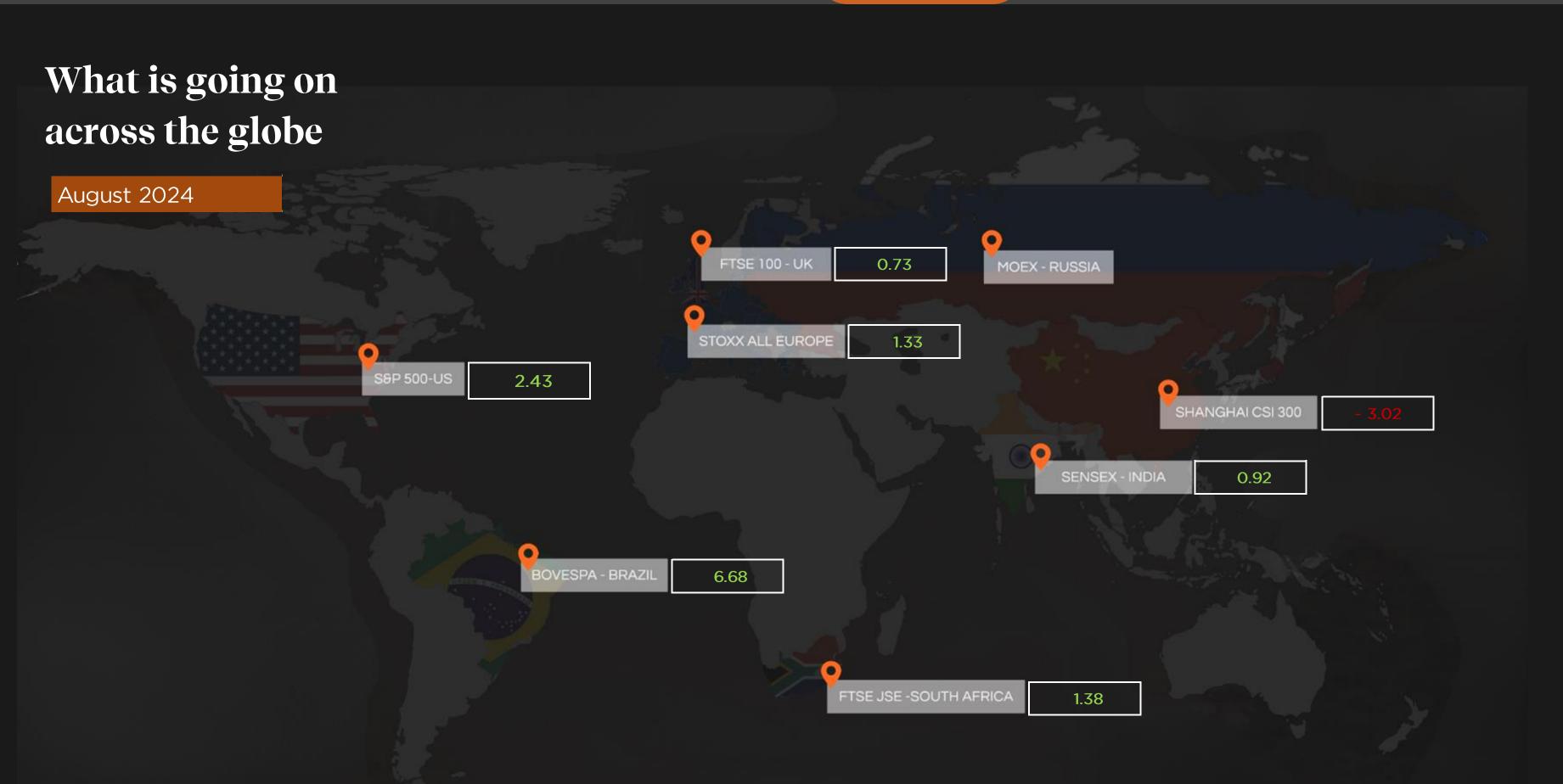


Commodity Tracker

August 2024



Oil was the worst-performing commodity last month as demand supply fundamental deteriorated but saw a spike higher into October as tension between Israel and Iran rose. Gold also benefitted from rising geopolitical uncertainty.



What is going on across the globe

GEO - ECONOMIC CLIMATE



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GEO - POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



GLOBAL SUMMARY

US financial conditions remain tight with increasing signs that growth may be slowing. Corporates are finding it harder to pass on higher prices to consumers adding pressure to profit margins. Valuations and earnings expectations remains elevated. Outside the US valuations seems fairer with emerging markets trading at attractive valuations. Local bond yields are attractive. Local core inflation remains contained and we expect the SARB to cut rates from September. The sovereign credit premium has compressed but remains high. Global developed market bonds remain attractive given the outlook for softer growth.

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POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



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- The SARB is expected to continue to cut interest rates at upcoming meetings.

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- Markets expected that the US economy may be on the brink of a recession.
- Markets are expecting a more interest rate cuts by the Fed.

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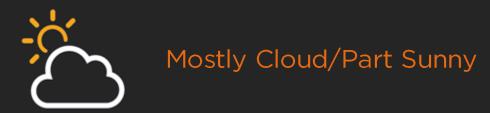


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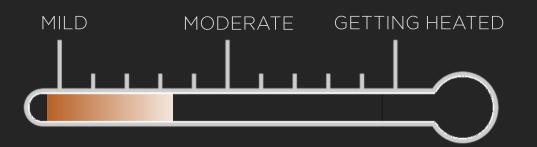


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POLITICAL TEMPERATURE



- The European economy experienced a further decrease in inflation.
- The Bank of England (BoE) decreased interest rates by 25 basis points.
- The BoE indicated that they are caution for further interest rate cuts.

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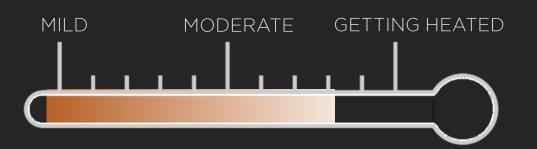
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- The Chinese property sector remains slow since the beginning of the year.
- Fiscal support from authorities is necessary to increase domestic consumption.
- Export data from China that has performed well.

Market Commentary

SOUTH AFRICA

South African asset classes have benefitted in August from post-election optimism as well as improved sentiment from consumers and investors. Markets are expecting inflation and interest rates to ease towards the end of the year, providing relief for consumers towards the end of the year. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) is expected to continue to cut interest rates at upcoming meetings, mainly driven by lower inflation during July. The South African bond market is also benefitting from the expected interest rate cuts, while South African commodities are feeling the impact from a decrease in demand from China.

CURRENCY

AMERICA

The beginning of August saw a market decline in the US, which was initiated by weaker than expected non-farm payrolls and a higher unemployment rate. Markets expected that the US economy may be on the brink of a recession due to these numbers. This was reversed by resilient consumer data, showing the underlying strength of household spending. Inflation continued to slow down during August and the Federal Reserve (the Fed) growing cautious of labour market conditions. Markets are expecting a more cuts by the Fed over upcoming meetings.

EUROPE

The European economy experienced a further decrease in inflation during August. Softer retail sales and increased investor sentiment have paved the way for more potential interest rate cuts by the European Central Bank (ECB). The services sector was boosted during August by hosting the 2024 Olympic games. The Bank of England (BoE) decreased interest rates by 25 basis points for the first time in four years. The BoE indicated that they are caution for further interest rate cuts, which increased the sterling against the dollar and the euro.

ASIA

The Chinese property sector remains slow since the beginning of the year. Export data from China that has performed well during the past few months, disappointed during the month of August. This may require stronger fiscal support from Chinese authorities to increase domestic consumption within the economy. The ongoing real estate crisis in the Chinese economy is also weighing heavy on sentiment amongst consumers and investors. The global slowdown, specifically in the Chinese economy, is negatively impacting industrial commodity prices.



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